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ELECTRIC POWER DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA -- Paris, Marches Coloniaux du Monde,
17 Oct 53

Construction of the largest thermal-electric power plant in northern China was completed recently at Sian. Built with the assistance of Soviet technicians, this plant was completed 3 months ahead of schedule. It is one of six giant power plants which are scheduled to go into operation in China this year. It will supply power to the textile mills, flour mills, and machine shops in Sian and the surrounding area.

Other power plants, of small and medium size, are also scheduled for completion in China this year. Capital invested in electric power development in China during 1953 is estimated at five times the capital invested in 1952.

CHINESE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY -- Paris, Journal des Carburants, 5 Mar 53

In 1951, the central government invested three fourths of its reconstruction budget in the petroleum industry. However, the expected results have not materialized. For 1952, petroleum production can be estimated at 650,000 barrels. Since the seizure of power by the present government, three new plants have been built and a synthetic gasoline plant at Fun-shun /Fu-shun/ has been entirely rebuilt. In addition, the storage capacity has been doubled over the prewar era and the refineries in the Northwest /sic/ have been enlarged.

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